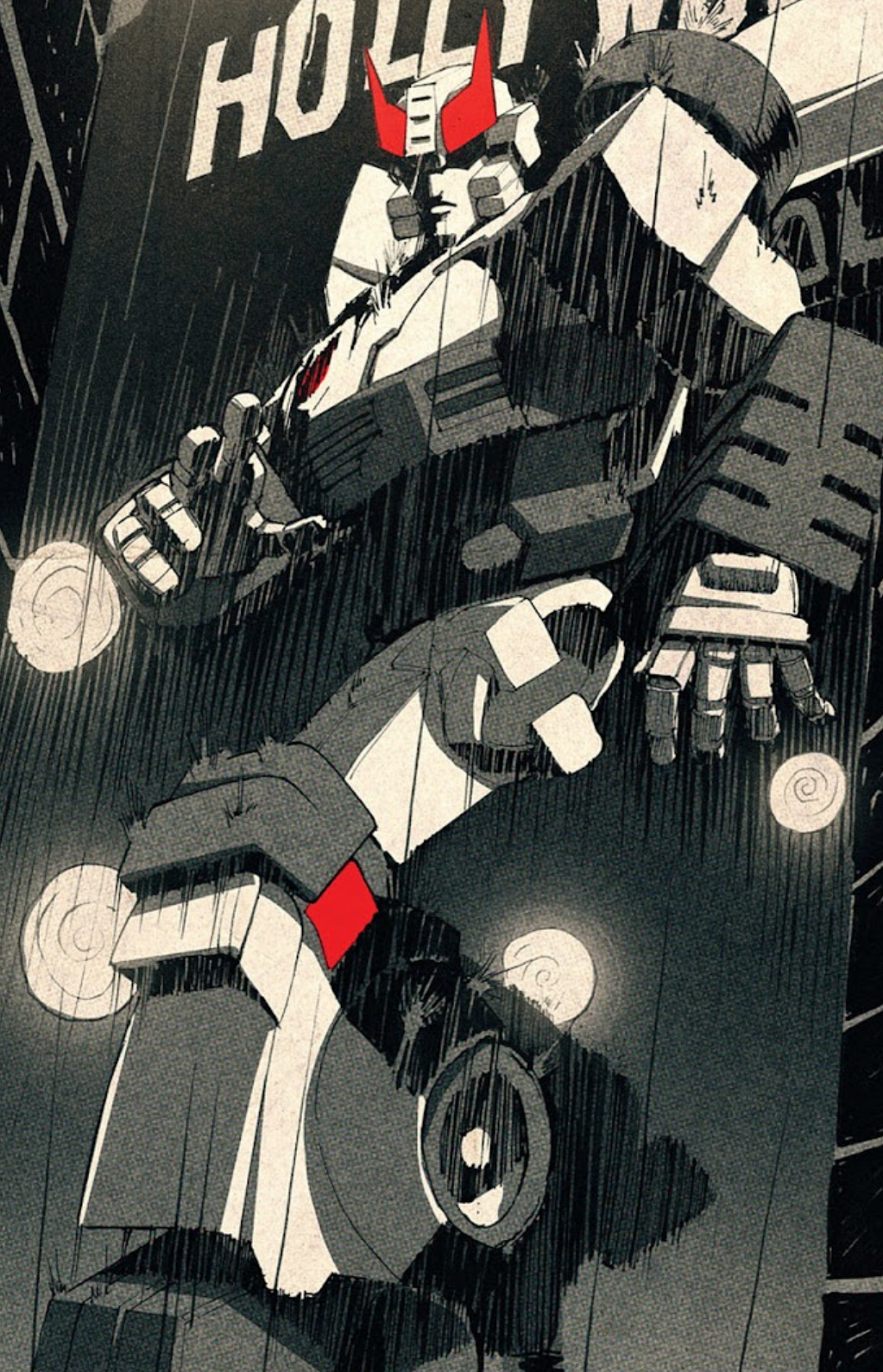




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PROWL



As a soldier, he is able to analyze complex combat situations almost instantaneously. As a leader, he strives to find reason and logic in everything. But something strange is happening to him. Will he be ready to challenge logic in the face of a greater cause? Determined and focused, he is...

...PROWL.

Story so far...

When the Decepticon galaxy-wide assault caught the Autobots off guard, an unprotected Earth was over run by Megatron and his troops. Stranded and scattered, the Autobots managed to find a way to return to the battlefield and, with the help of the humans, defeat Megatron and the Decepticons. But the humans, exhausted and worn down, can't tell friend from foe and set out to capture all robotic life forms. The Autobots are forced underground, chased and hunted by the people they set out to protect...



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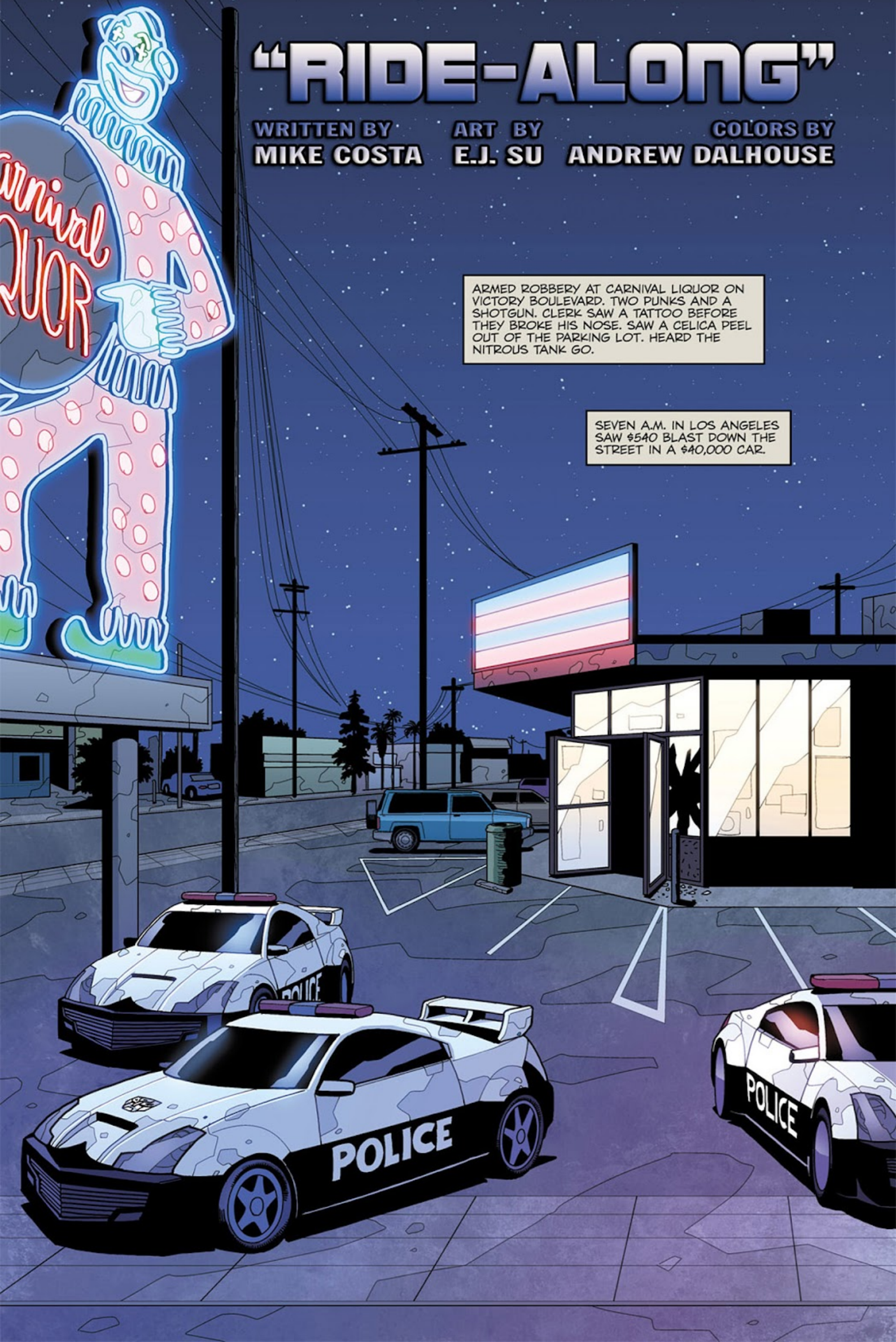
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ARMED ROBBERY AT CARNIVAL LIQUOR ON VICTORY BOULEVARD. TWO PUNKS AND A SHOTGUN. CLERK SAW A TATTOO BEFORE THEY BROKE HIS NOSE. SAW A CELICA PEEL OUT OF THE PARKING LOT. HEARD THE NITROUS TANK GO.

SEVEN A.M. IN LOS ANGELES
SAW \$540 BLAST DOWN THE
STREET IN A \$40,000 CAR.





CLERK'S ENGLISH IS NO BUENO. KNOWS CURSE WORDS AND NOT MUCH ELSE. HE'S MORE UPSET ABOUT THE WINDOW.



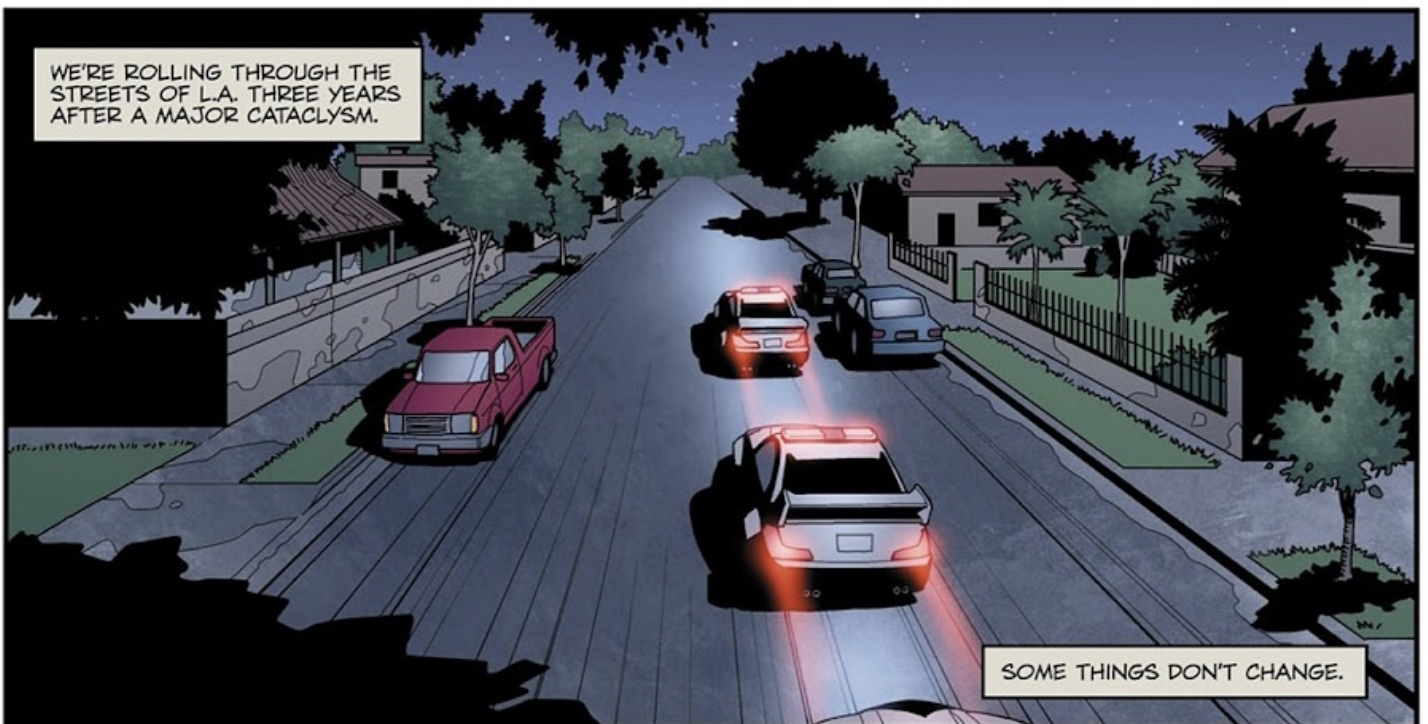
THEY POPPED A ROUND THROUGH IT ON THEIR WAY OUT. TO KEEP THEIR COURAGE UP. OR TO SCARE THE CLERK. OR JUST BECAUSE.



GRAY CELICA BLEW A RED LIGHT IN SUN VALLEY. HIT SOME GUY ON A BIKE. FLED THE SCENE.



NO WAY WE CAN GET THERE IN TIME FOR ANYTHING USEFUL. CHERRIES ARE BURNING JUST FOR FUN.



WE'RE ROLLING THROUGH THE STREETS OF L.A. THREE YEARS AFTER A MAJOR CATACLYSM.

SOME THINGS DON'T CHANGE.

TWO YEARS AGO.

LOOK AT THIS.

HOW COULD WE HAVE LET THIS HAPPEN?

IT HAPPENED FOR A LOT OF REASONS. NONE OF THEM NECESSARILY OUR FAULT.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE'VE STOPPED IT. WE'VE WON.

NO, PROWL. THIS IS NOT VICTORY. WE'VE DEFEATED THE DECEPTICONS, BUT AT A HIGH COST FOR THIS PLANET.

WE HAVE TO HELP THEM REBUILD.

OPTIMUS... I STRONGLY ADVISE AGAINST INVOLVING OURSELVES IN HUMAN AFFAIRS. THEY'VE BEEN ATTACKED AND SUBJUGATED BY DECEPTICONS FOR OVER A YEAR.

IT FOLLOWS THAT THEY WON'T HAVE A LOT OF TRUST FOR US. WE STAND TO LOSE MUCH MORE THAT WE COULD GAIN RIGHT NOW.





IT WAS UGLY.
AND MESSY.



INFRASTRUCTURE CEASED
TO EXIST DURING THE
OCCUPATION. EVEN AN
OUT-OF-TOWNER LIKE ME
COULD CLOCK IT.



HUMANITY AT ITS
LOWEST POINT.

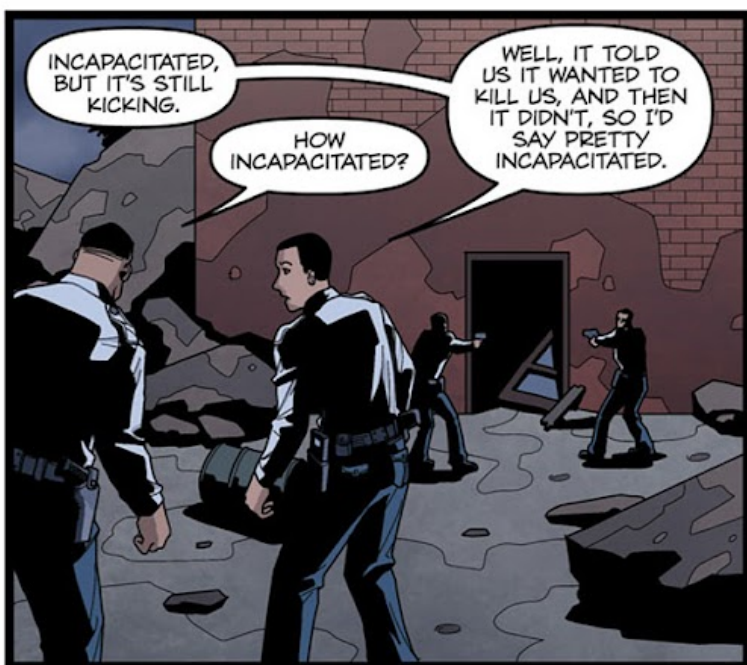


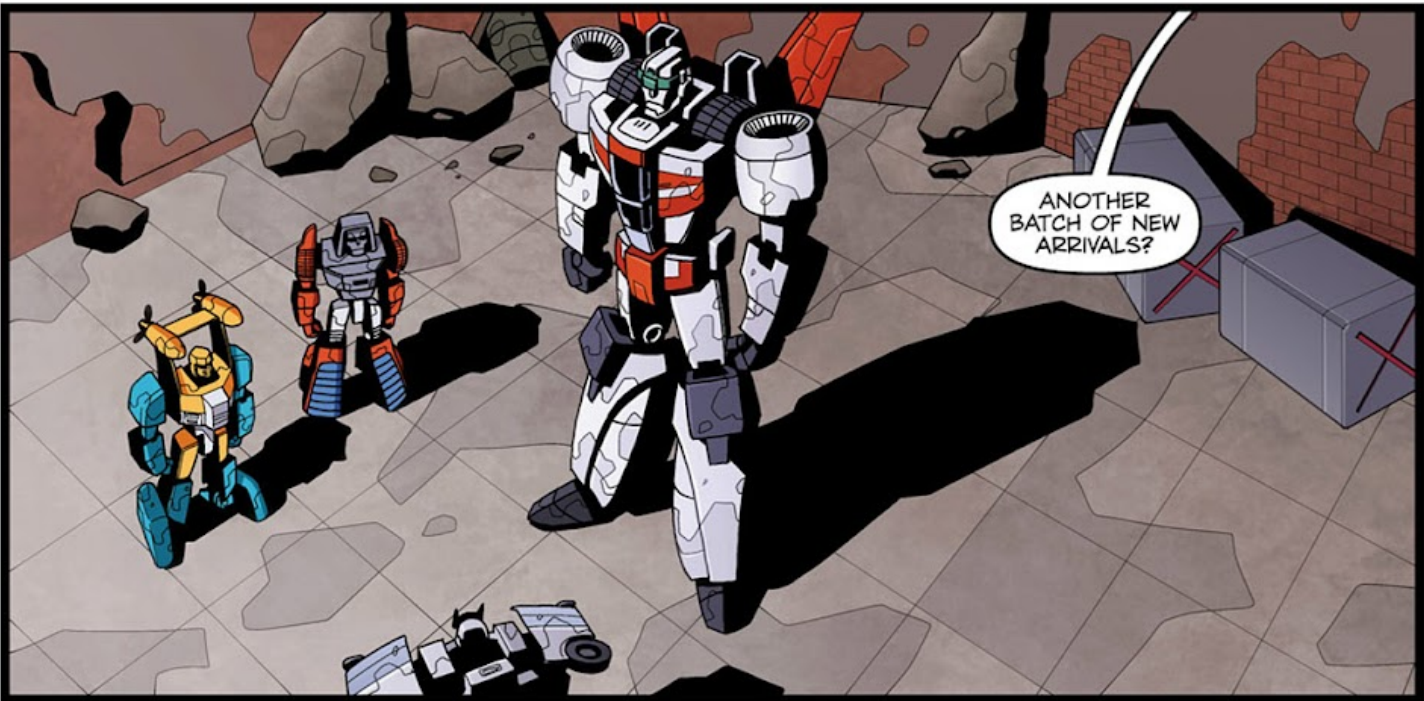
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DOING NOTHING.

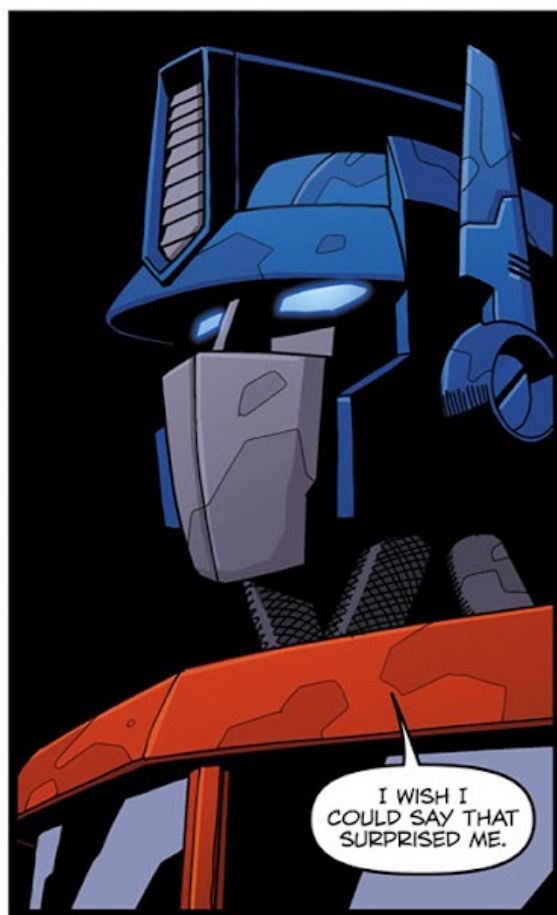


SHORT-SIGHTED PEOPLE MIGHT CALL
THAT "SITTING ON YOUR HANDS."



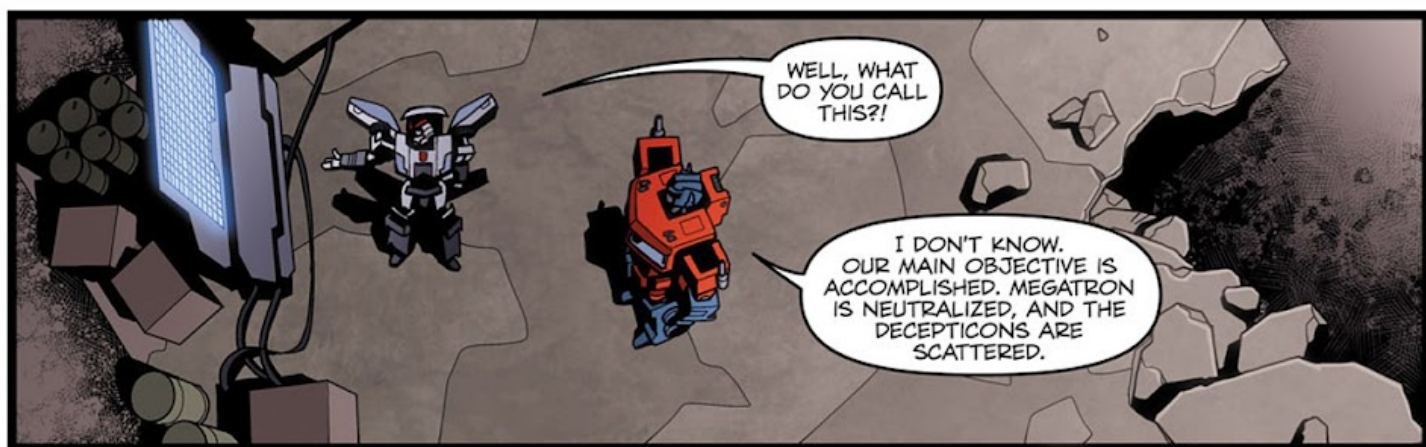


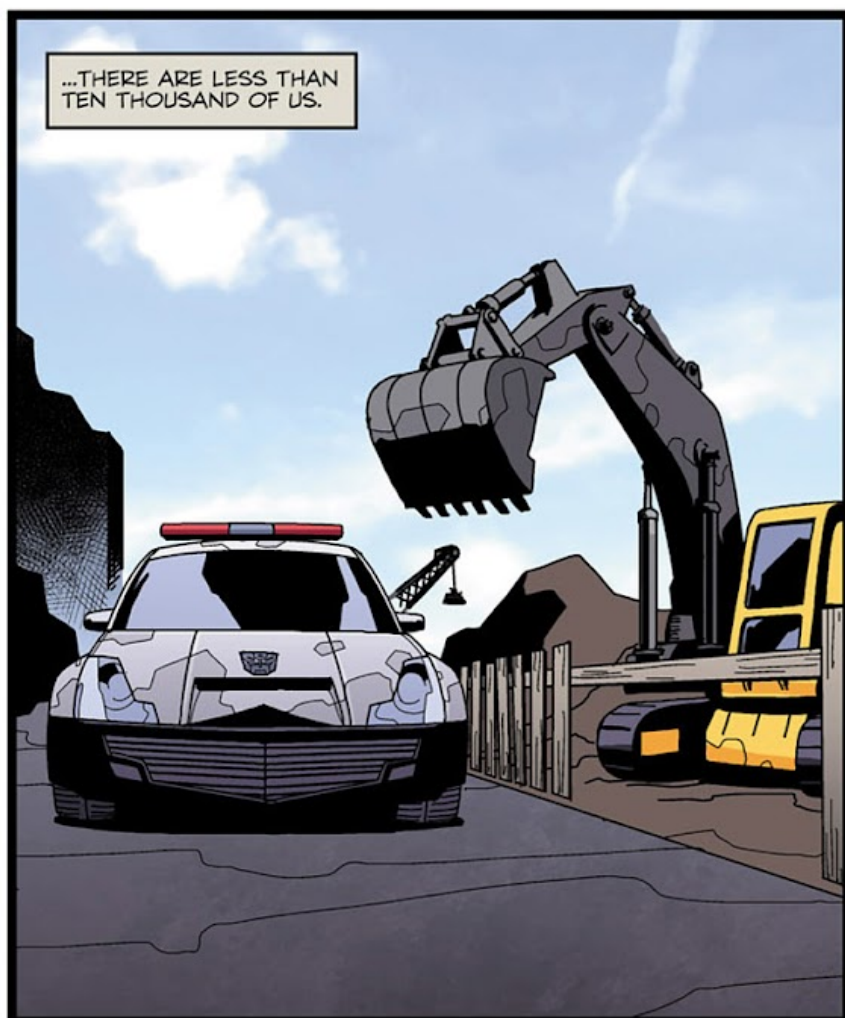
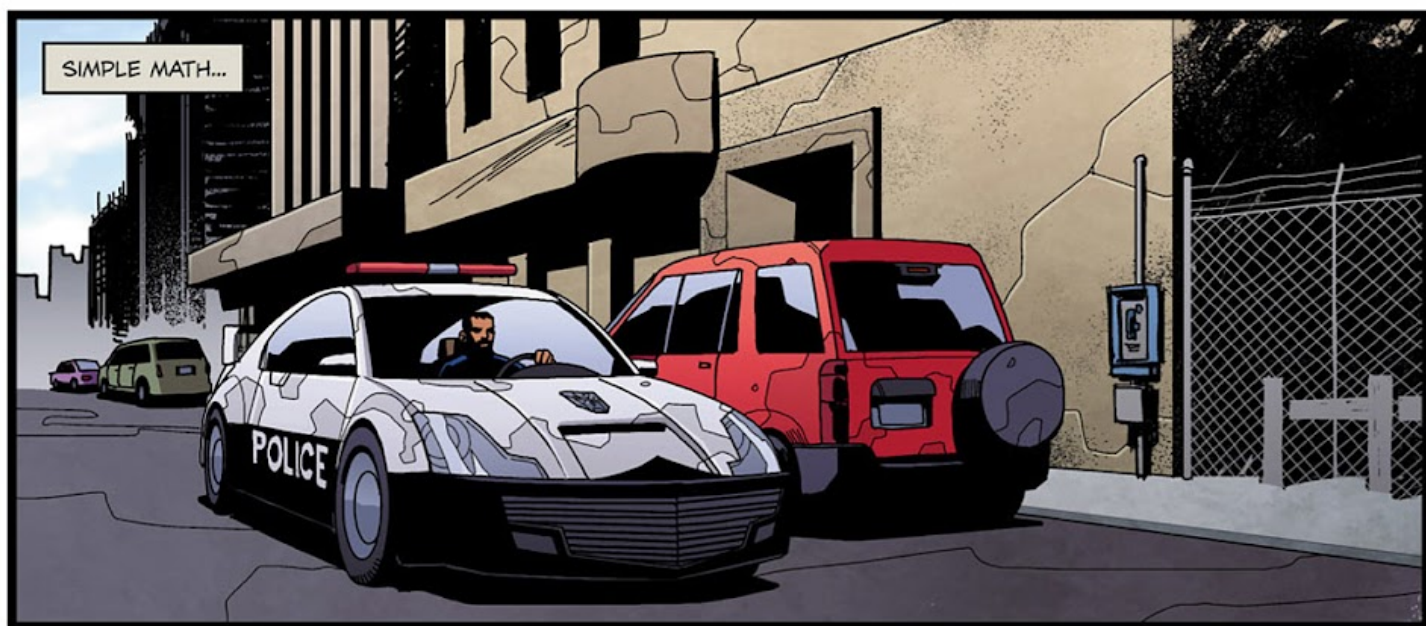


















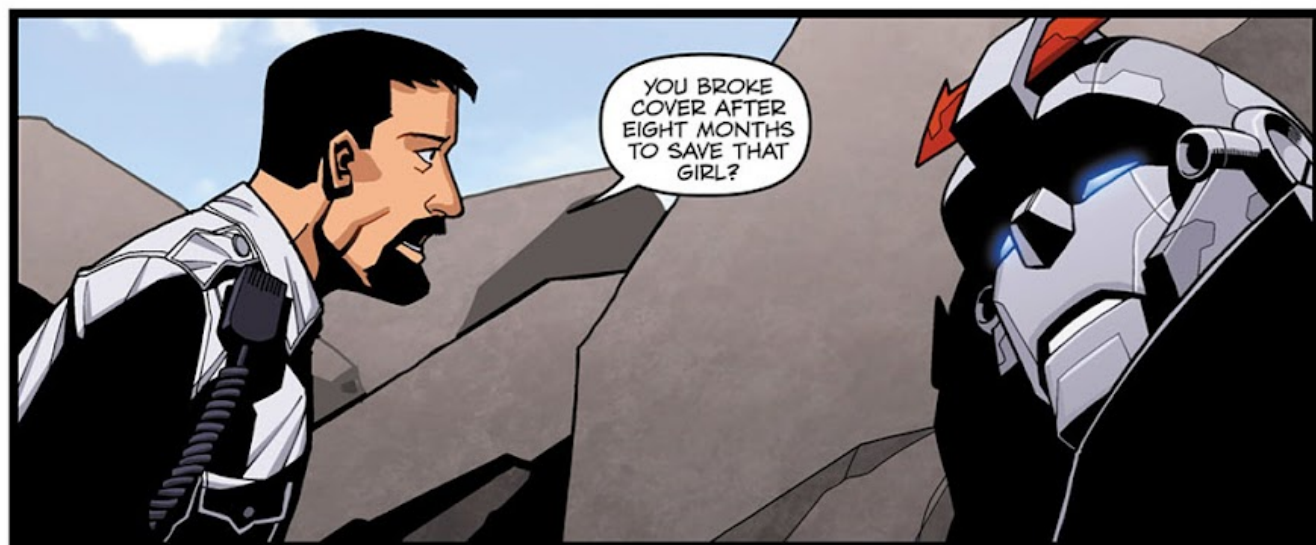
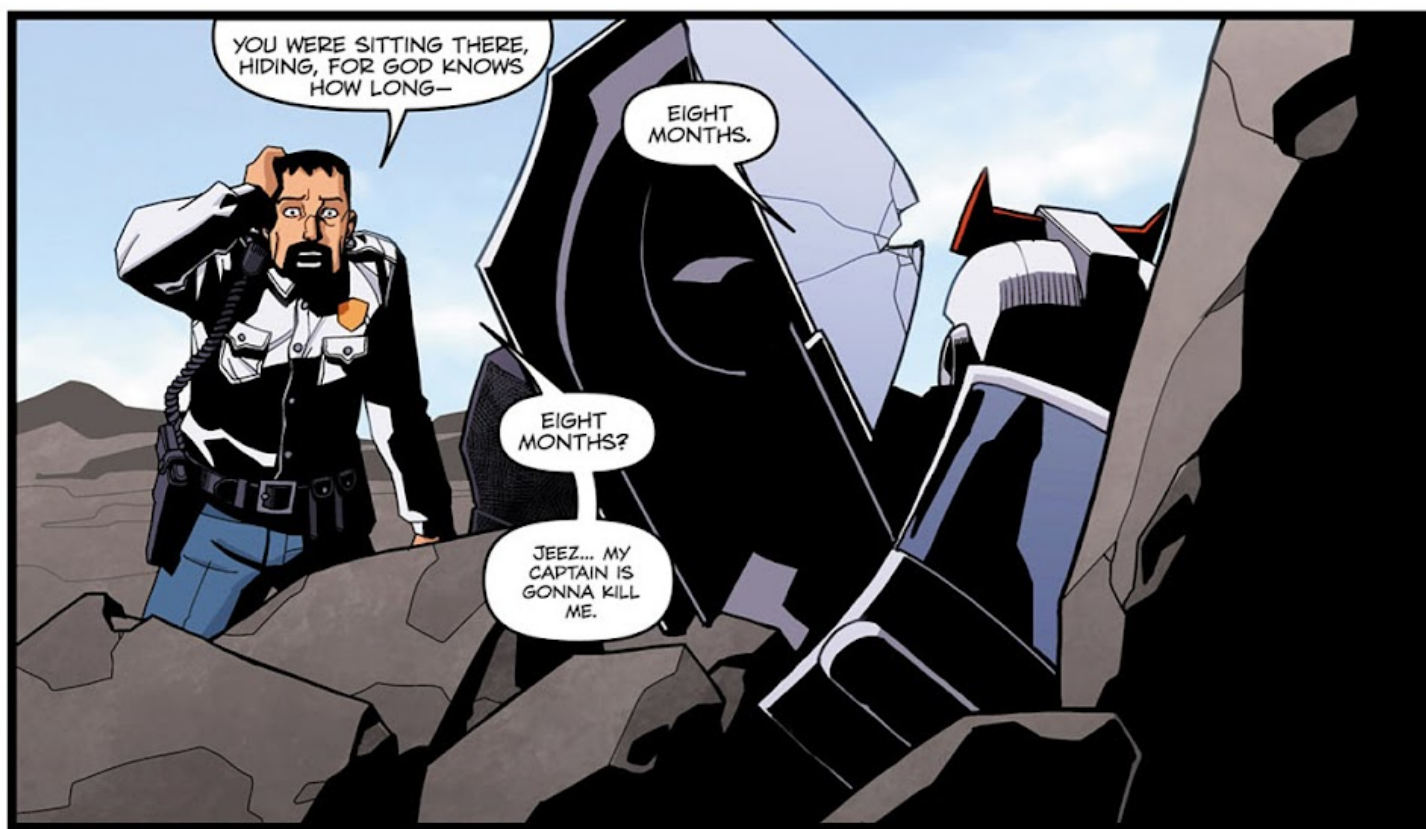
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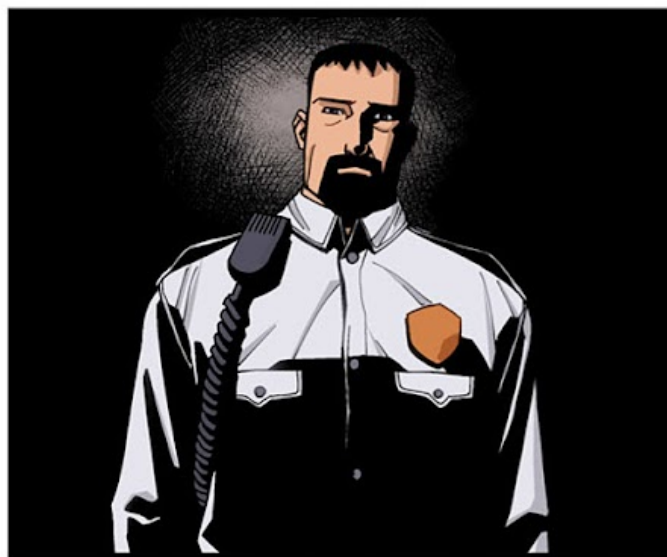


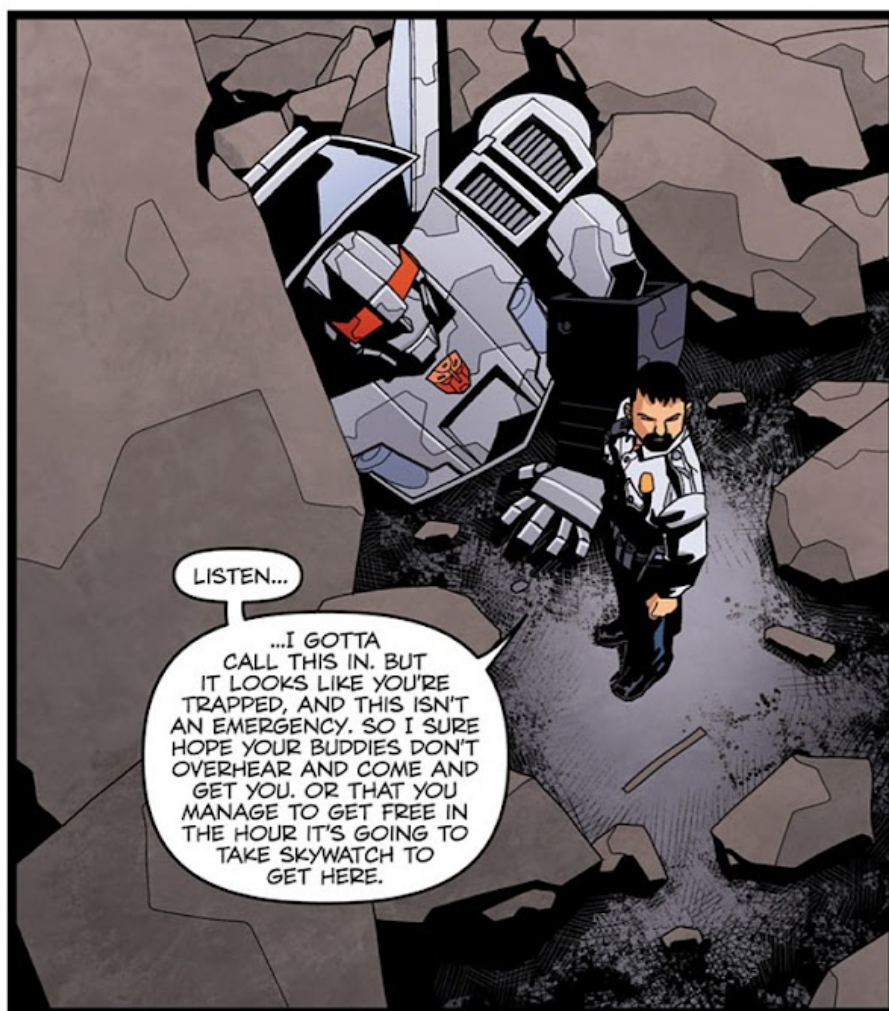
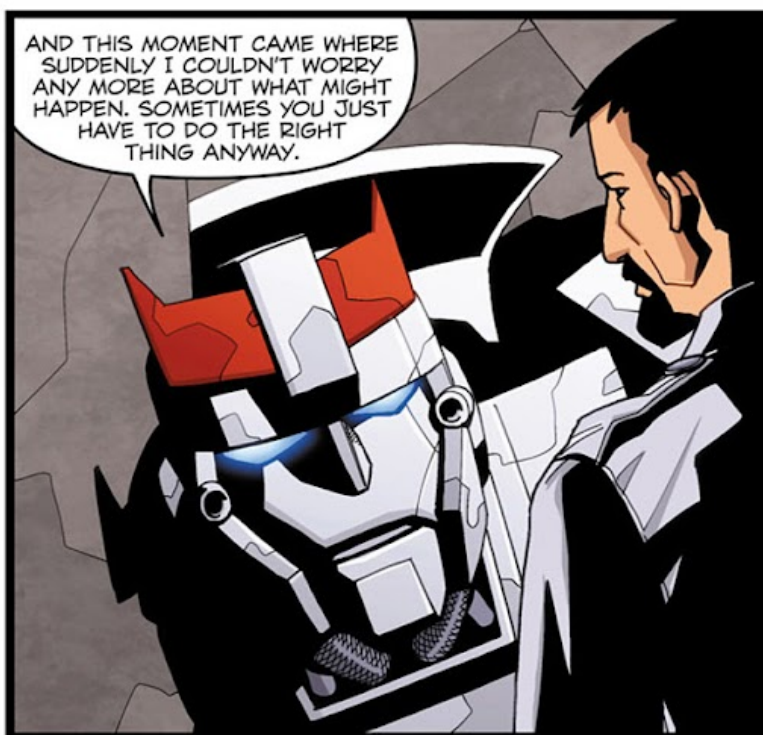
TEN THOUSAND OF US.

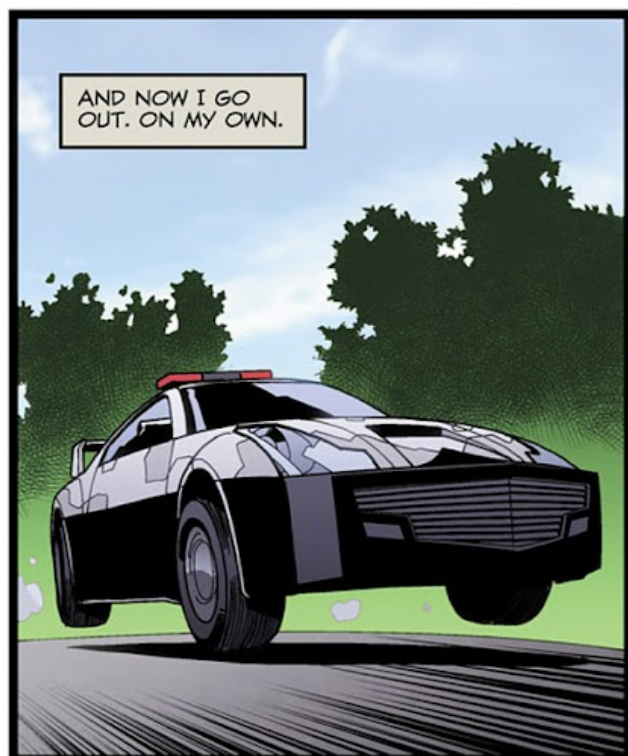
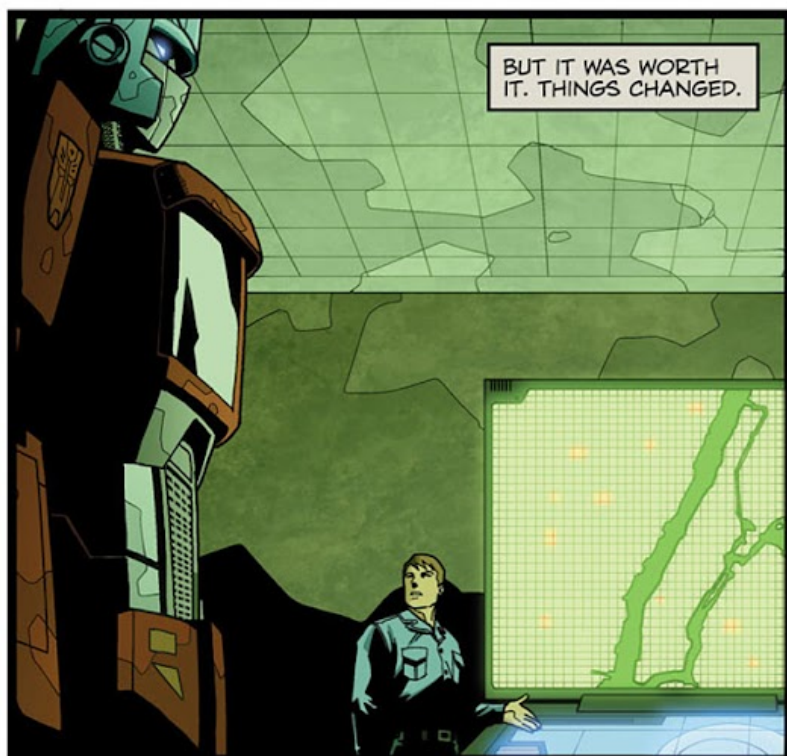






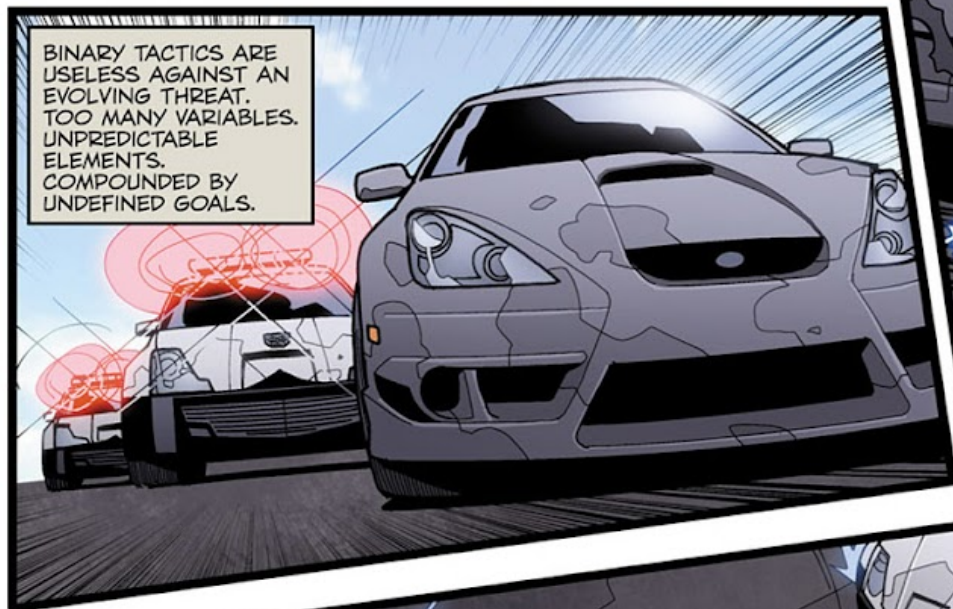




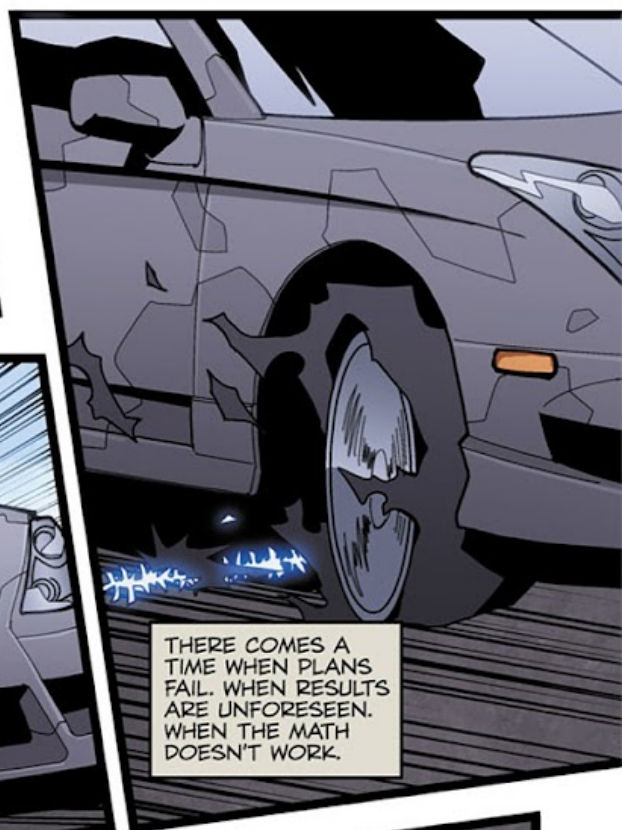




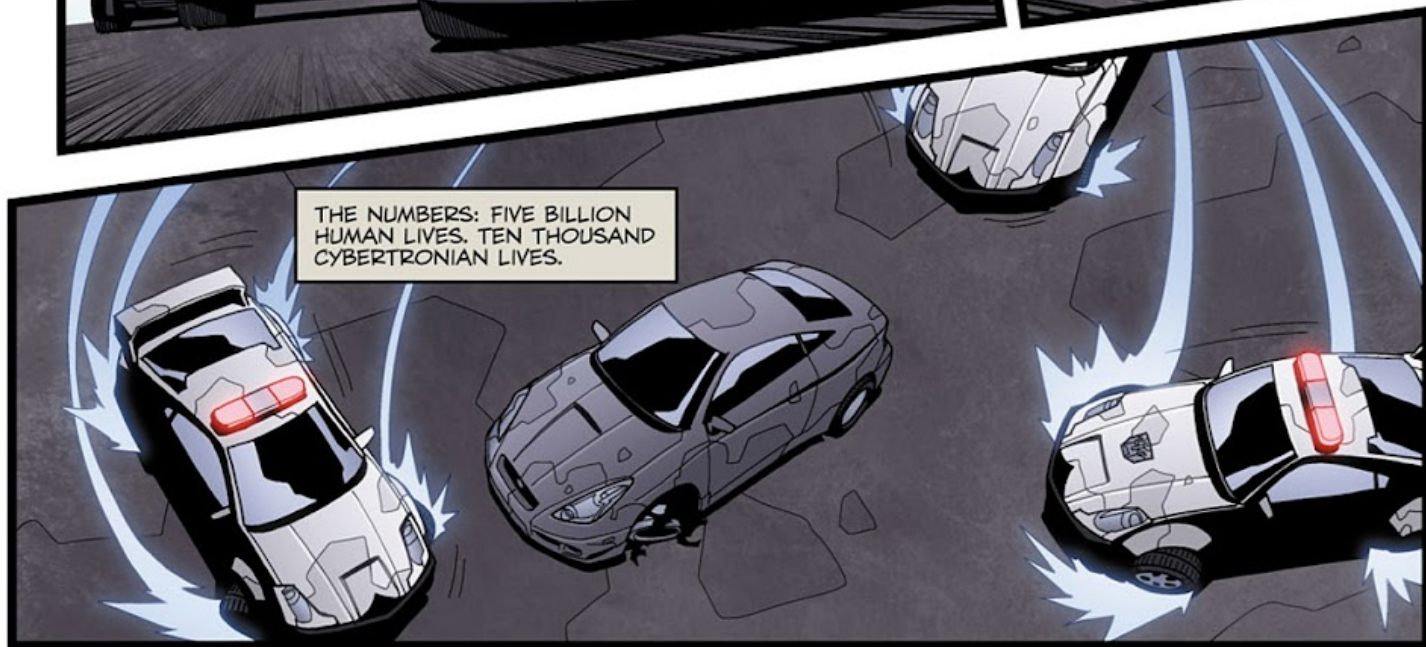
UNCERTAINTY IS A VIRUS. IT CLOUDS THINKING. IT BLINDS. IT MAKES YOU DEAF TO YOUR NEEDS.



BINARY TACTICS ARE USELESS AGAINST AN EVOLVING THREAT. TOO MANY VARIABLES. UNPREDICTABLE ELEMENTS. COMPOUNDED BY UNDEFINED GOALS.



THERE COMES A TIME WHEN PLANS FAIL. WHEN RESULTS ARE UNFORESEEN. WHEN THE MATH DOESN'T WORK.



THE NUMBERS: FIVE BILLION HUMAN LIVES. TEN THOUSAND CYBERTRONIAN LIVES.



I'D RISK MY OWN FOR ANY ONE OF THEM.

"to protect and to serve"

POLICE

THE END.



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